

## **Reminder: Reimbursement for Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM) Self-Measured Blood Pressure Services for Priority Partners**

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2023

**Health Plans Affected:** Priority Partners

**Type of Change:** Benefit

### **Explanation of Change:**

Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM) is a service that uses digital technologies to collect medical and other forms of health data from individuals and electronically transmits that information securely to health care providers for assessment, recommendations, and interventions. Providers should order RPM when it is medically necessary to improve chronic disease control and to reduce potentially preventable hospital admissions.

Originally part of the COVID-19 response, Medicaid has permanently expanded access to RPM services to include participants who qualify based on any conditions and medical histories capable of monitoring via RPM. Additionally, Medicaid has eliminated fee-for-service prior authorization requirements.

In accordance with Senate Bill 244—Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (Chs. 670 of the 2022 Acts) 2, **effective Jan. 1, 2023**, Medicaid's RPM program covers the monitoring of validated home blood pressure monitors and reimbursement for patient training, patient data transmission, interpretation of readings and reporting, and co-intervention deliveries. Co-intervention deliveries may include educational materials or classes, behavioral change management, and medication management.

To receive RPM, participants must be enrolled in a Medicaid plan such as Priority Partners, consent to RPM, have the necessary internet connections and be capable of using the monitoring tools in their homes.

Revenue Code 0581 (for home-health agencies) and HCPCS code S9110 (for all other professionals) are reimbursable for RPM. The RPM rate is an all-inclusive rate of \$125 per 30 days of monitoring, which covers:

- Equipment installation
- Participant education for using the equipment
- Daily monitoring of the information transmitted for abnormal data measurements

Referrals for RPM may cover an episode of up to 60 days of monitoring. Eligible participants may only receive one unit of RPM per 30-day period and four units within a 365 day period. Physicians or home health agencies can provide RPM; however, the authorization limits apply across programs. Priority Partners will not reimburse for:

- RPM equipment
- Upgrades to RPM equipment
- Internet service for participants

Coverage of blood pressure monitoring equipment as durable medical equipment (DME) has not changed.

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